

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9, 11, 12, 14-18, 20 and 21 are now pending in the application.

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have amended claim 1 to more clearly define the invention, and claim 21 to rewrite it in independent form. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 21 are now definite.

An election/restriction requirement was set forth in the Office Action, asserting that claims 1-7, 9, 11-12, 14-18 and 20 belong to Group I, directed to a computer data product, and that claim 21 belongs to Group II, directed to a computer system containing the data product of claim 20.

Applicants have amended claim 21 to rewrite it in independent form, by including all the limitations recited in claims 2 and 20. Thus, in the amended claim 21 the details of the data product readable by a map data processing apparatus are now explicitly recited, such that the data product of claim 21 is identical to the data product of claims 2, 20. Accordingly, the evidence set forth on page 6 of the Office Action is no longer applicable, and cannot be relied upon to support the assertion that the sub-combination has separate utility, and that the combination's patentability does not rely on the details of the sub-combination.

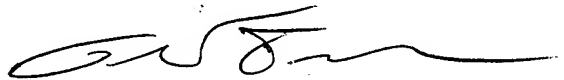
Applicants therefore respectfully submit that amended claim 21 also belongs to Group I, and respectfully request that the election/restriction requirement be withdrawn.

Should the Examiner determine that claim 21 continues to be directed to a different invention, and maintain the election/restriction requirement, applicants elect Group I, containing claims 1-7, 9, 11-12, 14-18 and 20 for prosecution.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 029267.56084US).

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